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Policy Revisions for Hospice Providers

[Chapter 3200-Hospice Services](#) of the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy's (DHCFP) Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) has been revised for hospice providers.

Chapter and Section 3203.2: In summary, the new policy allows personal care services to be provided for recipients enrolled in hospice when the need for personal care services is unrelated to the terminal condition, and the personal care needs exceed the personal care services provided under the hospice benefit.

Personal care services provided by a Personal Care Agency may not exceed State Plan program limitations. Refer to the [MSM Chapter 3500](#) for regulations regarding personal care services.

Notes:

- Prior Authorization (PA) is required for admission into a hospice program.
- A separate PA is required for personal care services unrelated to the hospice-covered condition.
- The hospice provider is to ensure that PA is obtained for services unrelated to the hospice benefit through coordination with the non-hospice provider.
- Please refer to PA [form FH-24A](#) (place your cursor over the form fields to see pop-up instructions) posted on this website.